

I am deeply disappointed that the Senate is being prevented from considering this important legislation by Republican recalcitrance. American inventors deserve better and America's future is being short changed.

THE REINSTATEMENT OF THE MEDICARE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1998

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I rise today in support of the Reinstatement of the Medicare Rehabilitation Act of 1998, introduced by Senators REID and GRASSLEY. I have always been a strong advocate for the senior citizens of our nation and I believe this bill will help provide a safety net for some of our sickest seniors. I was pleased to recently join my colleagues as a cosponsor of this bill for two reasons—it repeals an unnecessary \$1,500 cap on Medicare outpatient rehabilitation services and will allow seniors to receive treatment services that are essential to their health.

Every year our elderly are threatened by strokes, multiple injuries, and diseases. Seniors who suffer from strokes and multiple diseases in a given year often have complex health care needs that require costly, comprehensive treatment. One study has estimated that almost 13% of all Medicare beneficiaries or 635,000 seniors who receive rehabilitative services outside of a hospital setting will exceed the \$1,500 cap. The treatment that they desperately need would exceed the \$1,500 cap and require seniors to pay out of pocket for services or seek treatment in a hospital outpatient department in order for Medicare to cover their treatment.

How could our senior citizens be treated this way? How did this come to be? Well let me tell you, in 1997 Congress passed the Balanced Budget Act. Within that Act we placed a \$1,500 cap on outpatient rehabilitation services. Limits on the cap were adopted without adequate committee hearings and a detailed analysis was not conducted by HCFA to determine the likely effects on beneficiaries' ability to obtain medically necessary services.

This was a mistake, but fortunately we can correct it by passing this legislation. The Reinstatement of the Medicare Rehabilitation Act ensures senior citizens the right to receive the medical services they need to recover. Under this bill, senior citizens will no longer be hindered by financial limitations on rehabilitation services and seniors who don't live near a hospital won't be forced to travel there just to have Medicare pay for their treatment services. I don't want an 85-year-old woman who has had a stroke and is trying to regain her ability to speak or eat to have to travel to a hospital 30 minutes away to receive treatment.

I want to let those who depend on Medicare know that we are working to protect their health. While we must continue to work diligently to protect

the solvency of Medicare, we can't let seniors who need rehabilitation services fall through the cracks. I salute the sponsors of this bill and urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

AT 12:23 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1856) to amend the fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a volunteer pilot project at one national wildlife refuge in each United States Fish and Wildlife Service region, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 326. Concurrent resolution permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol on September 23, 1998, for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3248. An act to provide dollars to the classroom.

H.R. 4569. An act making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1695. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site in the State of Colorado as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following joint resolution was read the second time and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 56. Joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress in support of the existing Federal legal process for determining the safety and efficacy of drugs, including marijuana and other Schedule I drugs, for medicinal use.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-7047. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Second Half FY 1997 Semi-Annual Report on Program Activities to Facilitate Weapons Destruction and Non-proliferation in the Former Soviet Union"; transmitted jointly, pursuant to section 1208 of Public Law 103-160, to the Committee on Appropriations, to the Committee on Armed Services, and to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7048. A communication from the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on state compliance with terms of the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-7049. A communication from the Chairman of the Good Neighbor Environmental Board transmitting the Board's annual report for 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7050. A communication from the Acting Director of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exemptions from the Requirement to Report Large Currency Transactions Pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act—Phase II" (RIN1506-AA12) received on September 17, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7051. A communication from the Members of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's budget request for fiscal year 2000; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-7052. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the United States-Japan Cooperative Medical Science Program for the period July 1996 through July 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-7053. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel of the Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Size Regulations and Government Contracting Assistance Regulations; Very Small Business Concern" received on September 16, 1998; to the Committee on Small Business.

EC-7054. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel of the Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disaster Loan Program (Agricultural Enterprises)" received on September 16, 1998; to the Committee on Small Business.

EC-7055. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel of the Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disaster Loan Program (Eligibility Criteria)" received on September 16, 1998; to the Committee on Small Business.

EC-7056. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel of the Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Size Regulations and Government Contracting Assistance Regulations; Very Small Business Concern" received on September 16, 1998; to the Committee on Small Business.

EC-7057. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled "Rulings and Determination Letters" (Rev. Proc. 98-53) received on September 17, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7058. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Automated Data Processing Funding Limitation for Child Support Enforcement System" (RIN0970-AB71) received on September 16, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7059. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Computerized Support Enforcement Systems" (RIN0970-AB70) received on September 16, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7060. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notice of a proposed Technical Assistance Agreement with Japan for the retrofit of certain radars; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7061. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notice of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Canada for the overhaul of T700 helicopter engines; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7062. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notice of a proposed drawdown of funds under the Foreign Assistance Act to provide counter-narcotics assistance to certain countries; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7063. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notice of technical corrections to the text of the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty with Estonia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7064. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, Placer County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL6164-4) received on September 17, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7065. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Air Act Final Approval of Amendments to Title V Operating Permits Program; Pima County Department of Environmental Quality" (FRL6165-8) received on September 17, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7066. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL6165-3) received on September 17, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7067. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Alaska" (FRL6162-9) received on September 17, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7068. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection

Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, San Diego County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL6164-6) received on September 17, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7069. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acid Rain Program; 1998 Reallocation of Allowances" (FRL6164-1) received on September 17, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7070. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilot Program—Implementation of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century" (Docket 09-4370) received on September 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7071. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations: 2nd Annual Hobbs Island Regatta, Tennessee River mile 333.5 to 336.5, Huntsville, Alabama" (Docket 08-98-060) received on September 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7072. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone: World Yacht Cruises Fireworks, New York Harbor, Upper Bay" (Docket 01-98-144) received on September 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7073. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulations: Around Alone Sailboat Race, Charleston, SC" (Docket 07-98-008) received on September 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7074. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Portage Bayou, Tchoutacabouffa and Wolf Rivers, MS" (Docket 08-98-055) received on September 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7075. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Aerospatiale Model ATR72-212A Series Airplanes" (Docket 98-NM-159-AD) received on September 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7076. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Bombardier Model CL-215-6B11 (CL-415 Variant) Series Airplanes" (Docket 98-NM-03-AD) received on September 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7077. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Crosby, ND" (Docket 98-AGL-42) received on September 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7078. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transporta-

tion, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Willits, CA" (Docket 96-AWP-26) received on September 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7079. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Realignment of VOR Federal Airway V-485; San Jose, CA" (Docket 95-AWP-6) received on September 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7080. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments" (Docket 29328) received on September 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7081. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments" (Docket 29329) received on September 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7082. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments" (Docket 29330) received on September 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7083. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Price, UT" (Docket 98-ANM-12) received on September 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7084. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Construcciones Aeronauticas, S.A. (CASA) Model C-212 Series Airplanes" (Docket 96-NM-123-AD) received on September 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7085. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Model F28 Mark 1000, 2000, 3000, and 4000 Series Airplanes" (Docket 97-NM-290-AD) received on September 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7086. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Industrie Model A320 Series Airplanes" (Docket 97-NM-156-AD) received on September 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7087. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 747 Series Airplanes" (Docket 97-NM-47-AD) received on September 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7088. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model DC-9-10, -15, and -30 Series Airplanes" (Docket 96-N-272-AD) received on September 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7089. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; S.N. Centair 101 Series Sailplanes" (Docket 98-CE-49-AD) received on September 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7090. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; CFM International CFM56-7B Series Turbofan Engines" (Docket 98-ANE-50-AD) received on September 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7091. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A310, A300-600, and A320 Series Airplanes" (Docket 97-NM-107-AD) received on September 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7092. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Saab Model SAAB 2000 Series Airplanes" (Docket 98-NM-42-AD) received on September 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7093. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Limited, Aero Division—Bristol/S.N.E.C.M.A. Olympus 593 Series Turbojet Engines" (Docket 98-ANE-07-AD) received on September 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7094. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce, plc RB211 Trent 700 Series Turbofan Engines" (Docket 98-ANE-10-AD) received on September 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7095. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 727 and Model 737 Series Airplanes Equipped with J.C. Carter Company Fuel Valve Actuators" (Docket 96-NM-31-AD) received on September 17, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7096. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Issue Price in the Case of Certain Debt Instruments Issued for Property" (Rev. Rul. 98-50) received on September 21, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7097. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised OIG Exclusion Authorities Resulting From Public Law 104-191" (RIN0991-AA87) received on September 16, 1998; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-7098. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of 24-month Validity Period for Certain Reexport Authorizations and Revocation of Other Authorizations" (RIN0694-AB74) received on September 16,

1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7099. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Karnal Bunt; Movement From Regulated Areas" (Docket 96-016-32) received on September 21, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7100. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Solid Wood Packing Material From China" (Docket 98-087-1) received on September 21, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-544. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, Ohio, relative to proposed legislation on children's gun violence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-545. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Guam; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

RESOLUTION No. 303

Whereas, historically the United States has protected its shipping industry through maritime cabotage laws, including Section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act of 1920, commonly known as the Jones Act, the Passenger Vessel Services Act of 1886 and the statutes referring to towage and dredging; and

Whereas, these maritime cabotage laws strictly limit the carriage of passengers and merchandise between the U.S. mainland and the offshore jurisdictions of Guam, Hawaii, Alaska, and Puerto Rico to United States built and flag ships, which are crewed, owned and controlled by United States citizens; and

Whereas, Ninety Percent (90%) of the goods consumed in Guam are imported and virtually all of these goods arrive by sea; and

Whereas, Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico are similarly dependent on ocean shipping for the operation of their economies; and

Whereas, there are only 122 deep-draft, self-propelled ships of 1,000 gross registered tons and over in the active oceangoing domestic commercial fleet of the United States with an average age of 31 years, of which 89 are tankers. While in the world fleet there are more than 25,000 deep-draft, oceangoing ships with an average age of 18 years. The world fleet includes many kinds of specialist ships not available in the domestic United States fleet yet needed for transportation in the domestic non-contiguous trades and economic development in the offshore jurisdictions of the United States; and

Whereas, due to their geographic isolations, the offshore jurisdictions are uniquely dependent on ocean shipping for surface transportation, unlike the forty-eight contiguous states that have access to alternative forms of interstate surface transportation including rail, road, and inland waterways; and

Whereas, maritime cabotage laws of the United States severely and unfairly limit the access to needed shipping services by artificially restricting the supply of ships, which is translated into higher freight rates and the non-availability of certain kinds of carriage for the offshore jurisdictions; and

Whereas, the U.S. domestic fleet is continuing to decline, only one containership has been built in the United States during the past decade, and just last year, the privately-owned, United States flag, deep-draft fleet decreased by 29 vessels and the fleet carrying capacity decreased by 1,358,000 deadweight tons; and

Whereas, the offshore American jurisdictions need access to efficient, competitive and modern shipping to compete in the global economy, especially as competing countries have ready access to the world's shipping fleet for their transportation requirements; and

Whereas, the highly-competitive Transpacific containership trade offers some of the lowest deep-water ocean freight rate in the world, especially Westbound from the United States West Coast to Asia, while the rates from the U.S. Mainland to Guam are some of the highest. With more than two dozen regularly scheduled lines, there has long been excess capacity available Westbound in the Transpacific container trade to promptly carry all of Guam and Hawaii's cargo requirements at internationally competitive rates; and

Whereas, while there are over 5,000 bulk carriers in the world fleet, there are none in the domestic United States fleet available to carry Alaskan coal to the United States West Coast, Hawaii, and Guam, which impedes the utilization of a potential domestic fuel source; and

Whereas, while there are over 6,000 tankers in the world fleet averaging 16 years of age, there are only 89 in the domestic United States fleet averaging over 30 years. The United States International Trade Commission reports that domestic tanker freight rates are double world rates; and

Whereas, in the trade between Guam and the mainland, over 96 percent of all liner and neo-bulk cargoes are carried by self-propelled oceangoing ships of over 1,000 gross registered tons, and all interstate petroleum cargoes in the Guam trade are carried by deep-draft tanker ships; and

Whereas, an important driver of the high costs of living and doing business in Guam is the artificial domestic shortage of deep-draft oceangoing ships and the higher cost of domestic shipping imposed by maritime cabotage laws; and

Whereas, such costs and non-availability of deep-draft oceangoing ships impose a significant and unfair burden on the residents of Guam, Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico; and

Whereas, the offshore jurisdictions suffer a far greater negative impact from the restrictions of the maritime cabotage laws of the United States than do the contiguous states; and

Whereas, an exemption from the cabotage laws allowing foreign ships to participate in the non-contiguous trades would foster competition in ocean shipping services, provide substantial economic benefits to the offshore jurisdictions, increase consumer welfare, and make the offshore economies more globally competitive; and

Whereas, the President and Congress have already recognized the unique aspects of the other offshore American jurisdictions when they exempted American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands from the applicability of the maritime cabotage laws; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature respectfully requests the Congress of the United States to pass legislation granting an exemption from the maritime cabotage laws of the United States to benefit Guam, Hawaii, Alaska, and Puerto Rico, to allow:

(1) Foreign flag vessels to engage in the interstate sector only of the noncontiguous